

Laraine April 2<sup>d</sup> 1877.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I fully sympathize with the spirit of your letter enclosed. As to this field we cannot count upon more than about thirty, or forty, at most, who are able to do any thing, for the general Cause; and these are not willing to do much. Indeed the Churches here are supported mostly by outsiders and the money is squeezed out of them by begging and in the way of Sociables and other unscriptural means. We are much discouraged here that is my wife and myself - We have laboured harder than on any field we have ever been <sup>in</sup> and had more draw-backs - To maintain our

position as a Church we have  
spent out of our means in  
some one hundred and fifty  
dollars, that being more than  
any other members of the church  
has given in the same time. We  
have now done all we can do  
and if we remain on the field  
after this year we will have  
to receive a support, one third  
of which we have, heretofore,  
had to scratch for outside of  
either the Church or the Board.

There is one thing which I be-  
lieve the Presbyterian Church has  
to make ~~to~~ <sup>the</sup> importance of  
viz the Episcopate on the part of  
the Presbytery. Where our church  
is established and has made its  
act of progress, a Pastor or sup-  
ply is generally equal to all  
ordinary emergencies; but



as our American Society is now  
constituted there are new difficul-  
ties to contend with and those that  
will no longer allow of "Presby-  
terianism being any longer gone?  
poorish people". Instead of distinct  
missionaries being dispensed with  
their number should be increas-  
ed and their duties more clearly  
defined - And I honestly believe that  
if our churches could be visited  
which is an old feature of Presby-  
terianism and of its best days - it  
would increase their efficiency ten  
fold - I have seen it tried and  
speak from observation.

But may be we will be able to  
ventilate this matter at synod.  
I am still watching the devel-  
opments of Providence as they  
bear upon the question of  
my European tour - Given

may ask what a squeezed (squeezed)  
way has to drop the water on?  
Well that's just what I say -  
Still we can walk by faith in  
matters of this kind as well as  
in others -

Kind regards to Mrs J. J. Child  
Yours in the Gospel,  
W. E. Hamilton.



*A. T.*  
~~DANFORD~~ & GUNNELL,  
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Attorneys and Counselors at Law,

Lake City, Cal., April 3<sup>d</sup>, 1877

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear brother

I was requested by the trustees of the First Pres. Ch. of Lake City to write you upon the subject of supplying us with a pastor after brother Darby leaves us. And just here I will say that he has made himself a most enviable reputation here, won many friends, and done much good service for our Master, and most of the people and members would love to have him remain with us.

We are sorry to have to say that our numbers have materially decreased since last fall, by reason of the removing to Cal. of our, financially, strongest man, and from the fact that the Episcopal Church have organized and several of those who were united with us were members of that Church and have gone there. And they were some of our best paying members. I believe the understanding is that we pay Bro. D. \$500 per month and he is good enough to give us credit for doing so, but he can only count it up by allowing double price for a weeks board with some of us &c. all of which



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He will explain, I suppose, when you see him at post.

Now the object of this letter is simply to say that we cannot pay a minister \$50.<sup>00</sup> per month, there being only ten or twelve members and only five or six men in business among them, and all of them poor.

The church was built by out-side parties, and members of other churches, in a great measure, and neither class do any thing in support of the minister. The amount of cash paid Bro. Darby for month since he is keeping house has not exceeded \$9.<sup>00</sup>. Now you will please be charitable & not think we want to shirk our duty; for we are all poor but willing, but we did not want you to send us a minister believing we could pay him more than we were able and thus disappoint all parties. There are a great many strangers coming in daily and we have splendid aud-  
uices, and if many of them should prove to be brethren and unite with us we could pay more; but the present membership cannot pay more than ten or possibly fifteen dollars per month. Hoping I have given you a correct idea of our condition, I remain yours in Christ  
A. T. Gunnell



If your trunk was had  
Red & lined clothing or  
the necessary. And as soon  
as you return.

Ans

Yours Christian Love  
P. A. Lewis

Will send the letter  
soon. When it has

time to write  
where you are

hurry for  
it to return?

West Chester Pa.  
April 4. 1877

Dear Mother

Your letter reached  
me promptly, and I am somewhat  
ashamed of the delay. I sent the letter  
enclosed to Mrs Jones, our ministers wife.  
And asked her if she thought any one in the  
church would feel glad to contribute  
to such a cause. She is a whole souled  
little woman, and at once said there was  
\$25 in the infant school fund, which  
was for home mission purposes. And  
was all collected. She called on the lady  
who has had charge of the infant school  
and she said she would send it at  
once. The next day concluded she wanted  
credit for it in the Home Board. And  
was afraid she could not get it from you.

Ans

If you think we had  
better send nothing on  
the money. And as soon  
as you can.

Yours Christian Love

P. A. Lewis

Will send the letter  
soon. When it has  
done its work.

When you are  
hungry for  
its return?

Wash D. Crocker &c.

April 4. 1873

Dear Brother

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Have letters reached

me promptly, and I am somewhat

embarrassed of the money. I wish the letter

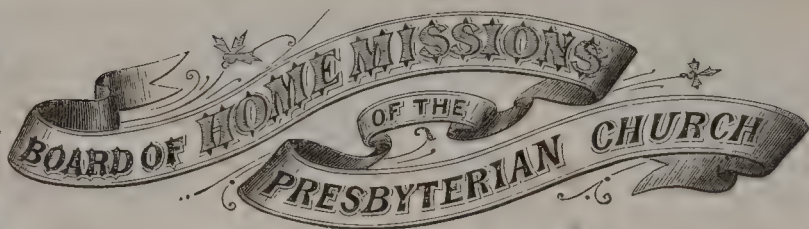
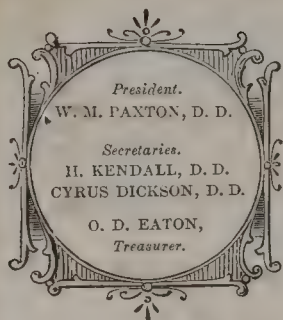


In vain I explained that you  
would write the children a nice letter,  
and perhaps be able to interest them  
more in these missions than it could  
be done in any other way. Mr Jones  
seemed to side with her. Said every  
thing given by any member of the chh  
ought to be reported to the board. I  
quietly let the subject go, and said no  
more. But dear little Mrs Jones has been  
asking some of her friends for a little  
private aid. And she called to day,  
and told me she would be sure to get  
enough to pay the \$25 you borrowed.  
I send you a check for \$30. I send  
\$25 and my husband \$5. He does  
not know how much I put to him, and  
it is not necessary he should know, as  
it is out of my private purse. He seldom  
gives any thing. His education was  
neglected when he was young, in that  
respect. And he likes what he does do

appreciated. It seems a trifle to  
speak of, but perhaps a little word of  
acknowledgment would encourage  
more giving. The money I send now, I  
think would be well spent in getting  
something for the family of which you speak.  
It may be two weeks before this other will  
be sent. When it is sent I would be  
glad you would acknowledge it to  
Mrs. Jones. She will show it to those  
who have given her money. It will be  
a chance to tell them of some of the  
hardships our ministers suffer. Mr.  
Jones thinks there are too many in the  
field. That the board has no right to com-  
mission more than they can well support.  
Meanwhile we must, I suppose, let the  
Catholics occupy the ground. Why do  
not the Churches wake up? I wish I  
could send you more, but I cannot  
do so. I have been unfortunate in not  
having my interest paid on a large part







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New York, April 9. 1877

Dear Bro. Jackson.

A long time ago I wrote a full & well-considered letter to the brethren in New-Mexico - naming three or four of them & sent it to Bro. Smith. He has never answered it tho' alluding to it & thereby showing that he had received it & the other brethren some of them at least say they have never seen the letter & have heard nothing from Smith concerning it. I cannot understand it.

The letter was to the effect of having some of their best elders examine -

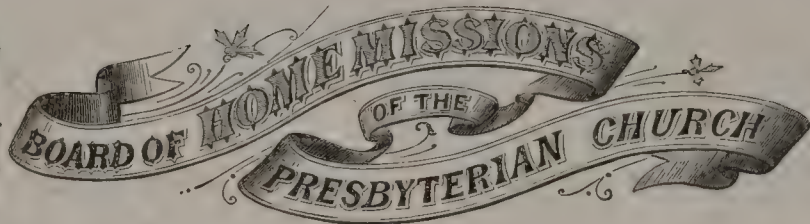
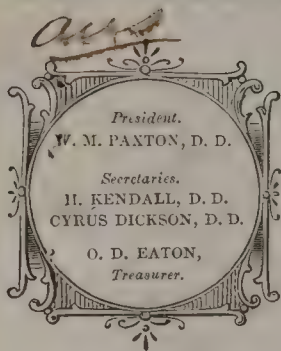


signed as Colporteurs by  
the Publication Board.

I hope to hear from you  
as soon as possible re-  
fully as may be what  
the present plan for ag-  
gressive work in that  
Presbytery is.

I have written Riggle al-  
so long ago, asking him  
if he will seek & take a  
place for permanent  
work in the Terr.

A former Missionary  
of the Foreign Board in  
Chile, familiar with the  
Spanish tongue - laboring  
with Spanish speaking  
people - & Jesuitical intrigue  
wants an appointment  
in New-Mexico - We can  
make no appointments  
till we hear from you &  
the brethren there.



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Dear Mr. Seng-  
mont. Reid to Berulder  
& Valmont. Cook at  
Missena may draw  
another after him for  
Bozeman. We can't hear  
a word from Montana.  
Russell sent his Statis-  
tical Report today &  
made no sign. We do  
not know whether he is  
going today at Butte  
or come out. We don't  
know whether there is any  
vacancy there or not.

Brid goes right on to Utah  
Leonard the 14 of June -  
whether any other bride  
McKinn at Salt Lake City



depends on what McChil-  
lan says when he gets to  
the Assembly - Carson  
wants to go if he is  
needed.

What about the School  
at Santa Fe new-Rifle  
Mrs. Giffeth &c. &c -

Give me a few  
words if possible

Yours truly,  
H. Kendall

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And there.

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Apr 8th 1877

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

My dear Brother,

I find it next to impossible to attend Sunday - for want of money and for want of opportunity to leave my work. I have been visiting the Mormons everywhere since Feb and am very cordially received in some places with much enthusiasm. At Brigham City I have not seen such an audience in Utah, House crowded to its fullest extent - gallery & platform holding about 1000 - The meeting given up to my control. So also at Willard and North Platte. There is the fullest freedom in speaking to the people, and they hear much. But much of the same is not at



accessible on account of their stationing  
and being less intelligent -

The Confession of Lee is having a won-  
derful effect - in breaking their faith  
in Brigham Young. Not only the more  
intelligent and free have dared to read  
for themselves, the Salt Lake Tribune is  
doing a telling work - Six thousand  
extra copies of the daily and two thousand  
of the tribune containing Lee's Confession  
were sold - and largely bought by the  
Mormons as their Ch. Papers did not publish  
it - And I could hardly speak in English  
giving a full account of Mormonism as he  
said it in '59 came out in an extra  
last Sat; I need my arm - for another  
year at times last week - Also \$50  
from Dr. Graham to pay for a horse. The  
delegates have permitted me consequence or not  
called so far. The services have been  
all that could be desired except the presence  
and power of the Holy Spirit. The house is full  
and Sabbath School Sunday. Very truly  
yours J. H. C.





Watkins Texas.  
April 17, 1877.

220 Churches  
(The majority  
were 2 less.)  
but the prospect  
of growth is  
very promising.  
With One  
Semi-Regard  
Wm. J. Drake  
Your truly  
will be the time

Acceptance

One Presbytery met at Decatur. - We rec'd 3 new Ministers  
& 5 new Churches. We have now about 20 Ministers  
220 Churches  
We think you will conclude  
that we are prominent  
enough in the South-West  
and better -  
The Conference is that the  
work is growing rapidly  
in number. It is growing in  
the fact like a Convent  
of years, and it is  
there is no better. H. W. Thomas  
in the West. There are 8 States

of Texas - our Board is working  
up to this fact & I believe will  
be in the future ready to aid us to  
any reasonable (as then possible)  
amount - The presence of the Southern  
Ch. does not disturb the question  
nor should it stop our work for  
60 seconds - They will spend more  
time in a noisy discussion over  
some unimportant matter of  
tone, or over some point in their  
own book of discipline than they  
will in striving to grasp & provide  
for this great field of labor - indeed  
they must fold their hands & do  
nothing at all if we were not here  
(Methodists & Baptists have about 12



times as many members as the  
P<sup>st</sup> Ch. & even the Cumberland  
about 2 or 4 times as many &  
yet - Presbyterianism had the best  
start of any denomination in the State  
— It is therefore evident that  
we must have a Superintendent for  
our work of "Gospel & Experience"  
— Very much depends on the man  
we get. We may have a "Season  
of Texas" next year but almost cer-  
tainly the year after — our Pres-  
bytery has been for the last year  
or two trying to keep our work going  
under Bro Bell's supervision but  
very much only makes it more  
evident that this cannot be.  
— At our meeting at Denison last week  
we divided the field giving Watkins  
the northern counties (north Central  
Texas &c) & Bro Bell the South &  
the Rio Grande but this will not work  
— Bro Bell is too old for that

Will do the work he ought to do. Dr. Smith  
will do a good Evangelistic work  
holding meetings & organizing Ch<sup>h</sup> after  
the Quaker fashion (he was a Confed-  
erate Soldier, by the way) - but he  
has not the qualities for the General  
Superintendence of our work.

Like Diogenes we must light our lantern  
thrust for a man & he ought to  
be a light in the General Society  
Hall. I cannot keep my mind  
off from you. My fear is that at your  
distance you cannot know the  
true greatness of the work that is done  
here nor the probabilities of success.

Now please write me a letter &  
give a hint that it is possible  
that we can get you. Do not be  
too quick to think a "today" no. - If  
you will but give me a private hint  
to this effect I think I can work  
up all the details & such a man as  
will save you from any annoyance  
- H. W. Smith.





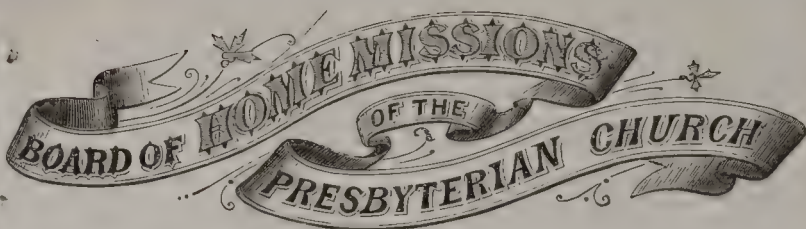
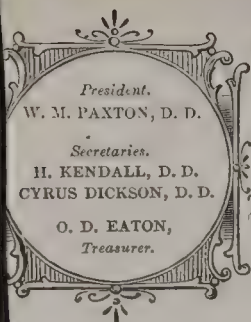
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.  
Denver  
Colorado

Del Norte Co. April 19<sup>th</sup> 77  
My Dear Rev.

Just back from Olney  
Shake. Gathered Church  
of 15 members. Great  
enthusiasm - & over  
his coming through  
in so terrible weather  
roads &c. Went afoot  
with Burro. Snow belly  
deep to " . Had to tramp  
him out. Had to wade  
streams about 36 times  
Camp in storm & snow.  
No fire. Nearly died.  
Got to Indians Friday night  
with knees swollen double  
size - feet & soles swollen round.  
Waded our companions & I thru  
in 25 miles in one day, last  
day. Preached first sermon  
ever in Olney. Please send  
half fare for him here to see  
you in St. - Alex. M. Darling





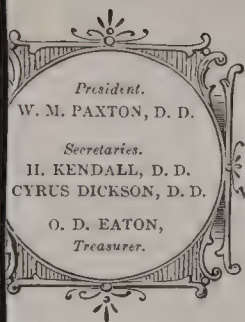
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Dear Bro. Jackson.

Did you get  
my note to your Aunt He?  
I wrote you these views con-  
cerning to know if Mr. Roberts  
was appointed to be at the  
Assembly & also to know  
if not action the Presbytery  
took with regard to the matter  
we wrote the brethren about  
long ago concerning the  
appointment of some  
Mexican elders as Colpor-  
tants. Did the brethren a-  
gree to do that - or did they  
ordain them officers,  
then to go out as missionaries?  
We should be glad to know all  
about it.



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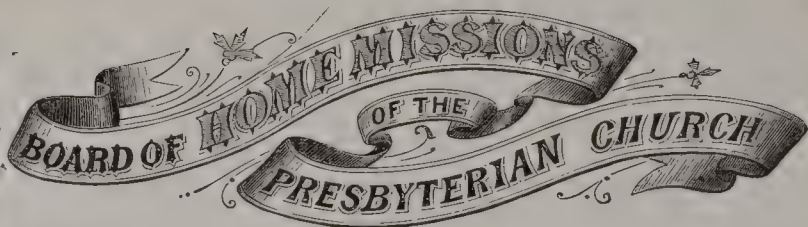
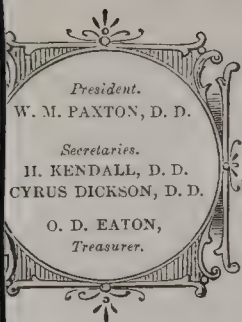
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To keep you posted fully as to  
our movements at this end  
of the line - at the risk of re-  
peating (what we have said be-  
fore - we will say that accord-  
ing to your arrangement  
Valin goes to Pueblo - Reid to  
Boulder, Valmont & seems  
to Scraperment - But a middle  
class man takes his place there  
for two three or four months.  
Note. That bearing with this  
here on Franks & Feb Collins?  
You will see Egbert about  
these days. Isn't his sugges-  
tion about 17<sup>th</sup> Street, & Bliss's  
church feasible? Can't the  
17. sell its old property & unite  
with the other church after





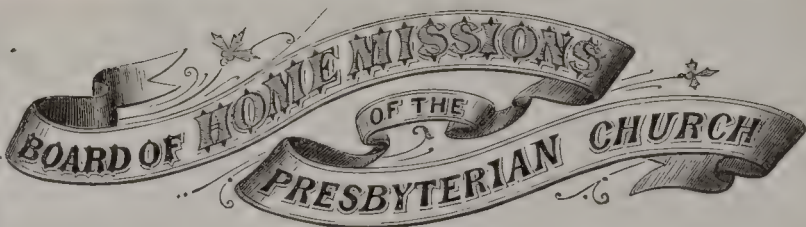
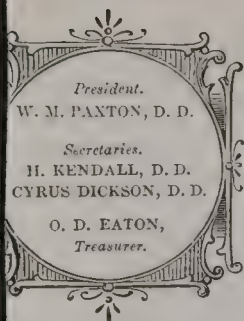
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ment best leaves - I bear with  
 Bliss for awhile - then if he  
 cannot satisfy them - let him  
 leave & invite in a new man!  
 Is not that a practical solution  
 of the Home Church question in  
 N. Y. which we all have to bear  
 We are delighted with what  
 we hear of Kimball's success  
 in helping the church here out  
 of debt!

As to Utah Bid has gone on  
 secured his brother-in-law  
 goes on about June 1. or soon  
 after the Gen. Assembly.  
 Carson stands ready to go  
 if a 3<sup>d</sup> man is needed.  
 Romwell has heard from  
 Montana. Russell goes to



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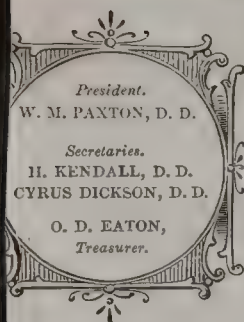
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to Butte

still keeps the field - Cook  
goes to Wisconsin - Boyman  
is presented as prospective  
to the whole Territory also -  
the demand for men now  
is more urgent than before -  
we are determined to find  
one or two more -

Now we have a project for  
you for the summer which  
we think should be laid be-  
fore you before the meeting of  
the Gen. Assembly - I  
am sure - I mean at  
the Assembly, we can talk  
with you about it more fully -  
but it may be necessary that  
you should be apprised of  
it in order to make due prep.





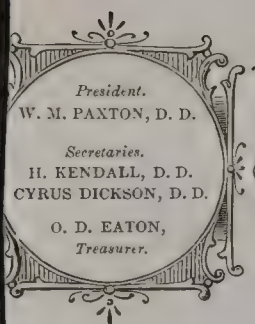
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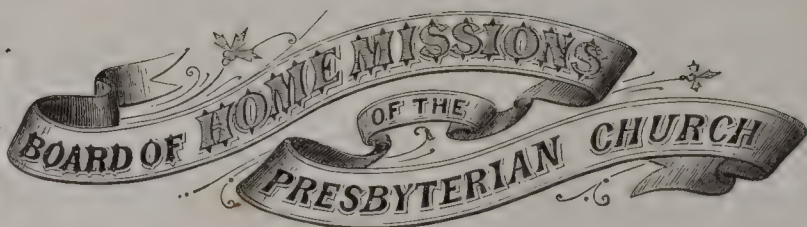
We do not suppose you have any definite knowledge about Logan as a place for us to establish ourselves. Rommell says the Episcopalians are entrenched there, & if so, with the limited force all the denominations have in Utah it is not wise for us to go in there. It may be found that there is no opening for Scanland at the North & we may have to send him to the South. We should like you to go before him if possible & find out. It plunges a strange man into such a field when he can



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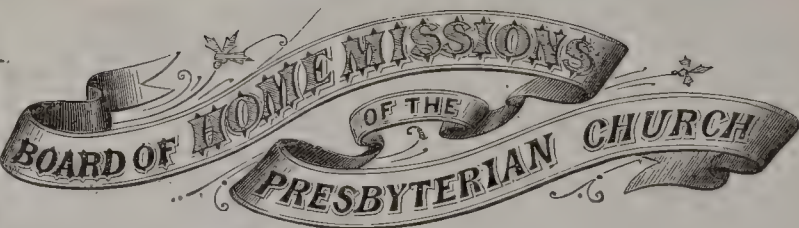
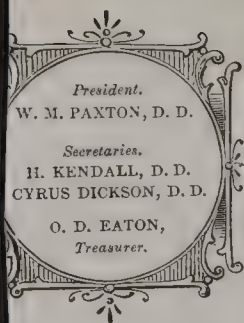
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nothing but find it out at  
our expense. That is not a bu-  
siness way of doing it.

2. We think you have never  
done any thorough work in  
Montana. You have dashed  
in & dashed out again. The  
Gov. has come to demand  
something better. We propose  
then for that you go in there  
& spend three or four months  
of work - if we find sufficient  
men, that you shall introduce  
them upon the way before  
them - & besides, that you  
shall become acquainted  
with the people in the valleys  
& the new mining towns & be  
able to present a report from





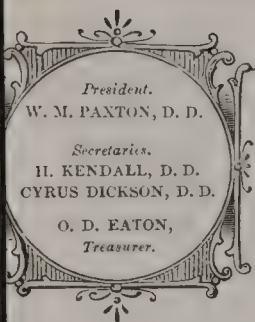
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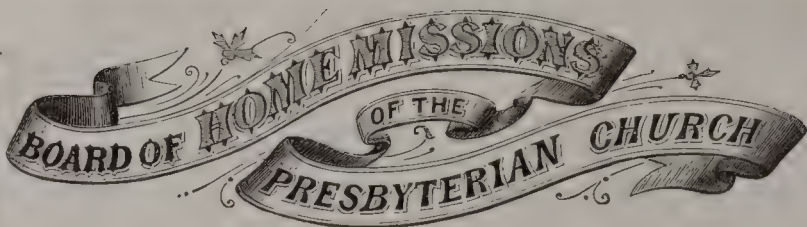
If we cannot find the men  
we need, you can surely  
Brazos & other places several  
at sabbaths each - & hold things  
in statu quo at least. No other  
part of your field seems to us  
"missing" in its demand  
at the present time. You  
have Ex. land. New-Mexico &  
Utah thorough, & Arizona, con-  
siderably. You have men at  
strategic points. The time  
seems to us to have come  
to do equally thorough ex-  
haustive work in Montana.  
Three months service would



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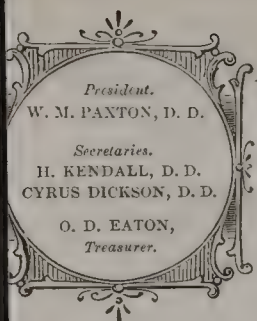
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give you an acquaintance  
with all the towns, all the min-  
isters, & all the leading people  
& it would be of vast accom-  
pany to you, to visit North-

Then as the conclusion  
of such a service in M-  
we want you to pass  
over the road from Corvallis  
or Ketter - or striking out  
from Montana, further North  
go over to Boise City, & on  
to Walla Walla. The latter  
point is not in your field  
but that is of little conse-  
quence. Returning we should  
like to have your visit, if  
possible, the towns North  
of Elko of which Byssard writes





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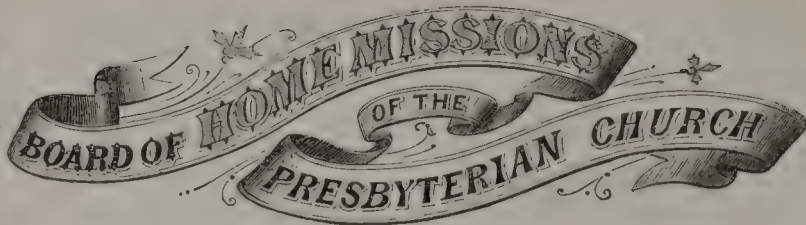
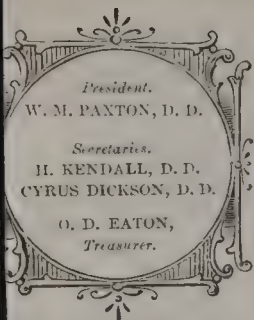
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& northward of Winnemucca -  
I know of all that fill north  
of the Pacific Rail Road  
to the Cal. & Or. line -

Nevada properly belongs to  
Tracy. But he has more than  
he can do in Cal. - You are  
putting much out of work  
unless you add to it what  
is herein suggested. There is  
not likely to be any pressing  
work for you for the summer  
if not this. And all that  
the region, with its mining  
towns & settled & opening  
valleys, we need such a  
knowledge of them as you  
can gain by a protracted &  
careful survey as we sug-



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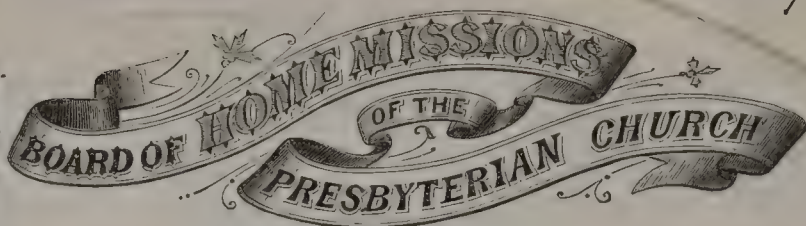
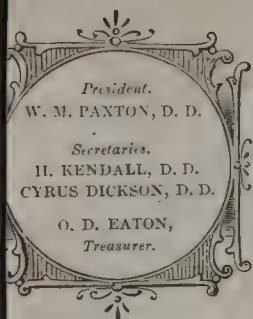
gest. We do not think there is any better way to put in your time -

With the discovery of gold in San Juan - the Black Hills - the Indians subdued - the whole Rocky Mt. System, in its available points will be preserved. We must have our hand on it.

4. The Black Hills are nearer at hand & can wait.

There is a great rush there. Then the excitement is over as it now is in all the region we suggest, we can see what it is best to do. But for the summer we





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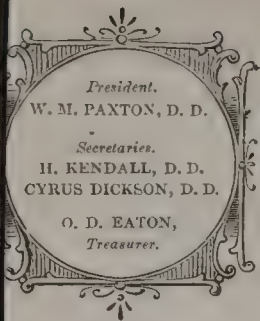
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think we have indicated your  
field & work—

You will be glad to know  
that the financial outlook  
is more encouraging than  
we expected, that we stand  
ready to send the right  
men to all the important  
points now open from  
the Missouri River to the  
Pacific Coast.

Please let us know  
as soon as possible wheth-  
er you expect to be at the  
assembly, & any infor-  
mation you may have a-  
bout the matters includ-  
ed in this letter—

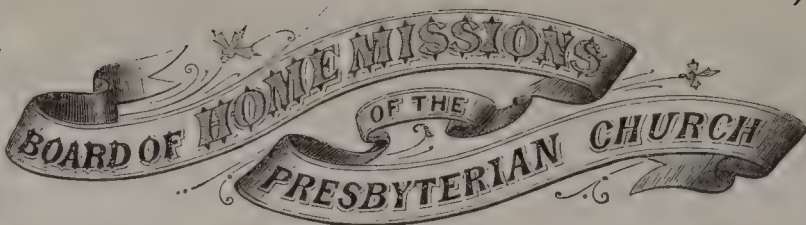
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young men rally to go out  
& now is the time to push  
forward -

We have not heard much  
from you this winter & spring.  
There is a good deal due  
us by this time.

Yours truly  
H. Kendall.



21 Apr  
Trinidad Colorado

Dear Boy,

Recd your card  
sent for wrap.

I have been think-  
ing - not very definitely it  
is true - but thinking  
perhaps - Utah might of-  
ford an opening for  
us -

I presume "Salt  
Lake" is supplied.

I think in the event  
of going east - wife & I  
will try to visit Utah  
to see for ourselves and  
be able to tell others.

I do not know as the  
altitude of Utah would suit here  
don't know what it is -

I write so you can be

thinking of it -

Another thing - I presume  
we will dedicate about  
1<sup>st</sup> June - and must  
depend on you -

Want you any how  
but I presume on acct  
~~expense~~ we can have no  
one to assist you

Very truly  
Yours  
John L. Sage



Ouray, Colo. May 1<sup>st</sup> /77

Rev Sheldon Jackson  
Colo Springs  
~~Denver~~ Colo }

Dr Sir,

Enclosed please find  
petition asking for the appointment  
of Geo M Darley to become a minister  
in our midst. I had hoped to get  
more names to the list but as it is  
it will express the feeling and disposition  
of many citizens and I feel confident  
I know enough members in the  
Presbytery that my opinion on  
Bro Darley being the right man  
will be accepted. I would had  
more names had it not been for  
a serious town trouble that has  
embittered many citizens against  
each other & seriously blocked  
things. I believe Bro Darley would  
come here if sent and he is hardly

the right man. It met with  
favor in the eyes of all who  
met him. You know it takes  
a peculiar man for a new & unin-  
habited town. In my opinion <sup>be</sup> any other  
man but will not <sup>be</sup> the right man.

But asking God in prayer will  
decide this matter as all should be,  
more especially Church work.

I feel confident by June 15<sup>th</sup> we  
can commence & finish a  
good church. I can raise  
\$500 to 700 here and 500 in N.Y.  
with Bid aid we will be OK  
the blessings of the Lord abounding  
among us.

Please do all you can  
to have Bro Geo M Dorsey  
appointed here

With Christian Love

Yrs

E. S. Mills Jr



Alma, Colorado  
May 6 1877

The Rev. W. P. Tuteworth, having visited Alma on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 1877, announced after preaching in the evening that he would again visit this village - no preventing Providence - on Friday & Saturday previous to Sabbath of May 6<sup>th</sup> & proceed to the organization of a Presbyterian church, if the way be open.

These arrangements were met; the way was found to be open, & on Sabbath of May 6<sup>th</sup> 1877, the first Presbyterian church of Alma was organized. It is also the first evangelical church in the village & the third in the county.

#### Membership

Askan M. McKillip &  
Nancy A. McKillip, his wife  
Mrs. Barbara E. Ellis

Mrs. Virginia S. Link,

By letter &

By Profession:

Mrs. Catharine Page

Mrs. Grace Bailey &

Miss Mattie Freweek

Mr. Asahel M. McKillip was  
elected & ordained to the office  
of Ruling Elder.

It was announced that in  
two weeks the sacrament of the  
Lord's Supper would be adminis-  
tered

At the close of these exercises  
the congregation proceeded to  
the organization of a Union Sabbath  
School.



W. P. Feltsworth,

Mod. & Clerk of Session  
Alma, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1877

53 Henry St., Brooklyn  
✓ May 8<sup>th</sup> 1844.

Per Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir,

Your letter concerning  
the moral condition of the "Savages" in  
Alaska was read before the Board of  
the Brooklyn Woman's Home &  
for Miss. So in secret conference.  
It presents a most frightful picture  
of degradation & barbarity, which  
can scarcely find a parallel, even  
in heathen countries - I cannot but  
understand that a Government repre-  
senting a civilized nation, should  
so long have tolerated so terrible  
an evil. I am glad to learn that  
it is now waking up to the enorm-  
ity of the crime, & that they  
under the name of religious duty -



and <sup>is</sup> about to interfere to sub-  
dress them - The poor women &  
Children - I can't help thinking that  
the very instincts of their being,  
even if conscience be perverted  
must revolt at such a life. It  
is said, that they never smile, but  
bea I see actually, that hopeless - sunken  
wretched look, that seems like a  
silent & pathetic appeal to the  
God of justice, to come & liberate  
them from the chains that have  
eaten into their very souls -

All of our ladies were deeply  
affected by your story - & we  
resolved that we would do  
what earnest & praying hearts  
could do - for the aid of a school -  
we have, now, I think in the  
necessary the sum of \$450 - one

that, I believe - waiting to be ab-  
sorptioned to that purpose. Dr.  
Lendall will designate to us, a  
time & work - We have been hoping  
to find in our own City, a <sup>ready</sup> teacher  
who would be willing to go as a  
teacher - in company with the one  
already volunteered - who will sub-  
port herself - (you - or Dr. E. told  
us of this one) I think, we ought  
not to delay - the money is ready as  
soon as the teacher is found -

I read your paper with great  
interest - It is all alive with per-  
sonal - And bless it - & the cause  
it advocates - Our dear Country -  
it must be won for Him -

Yours very truly

Mrs. J. M. Brooks  
Cor. Secretary



Ans

London

Aug 20 1841

Dear Sir

I have

just received your letter of the 17th

relative to the matter of the  
London Convention, & I am very glad to hear  
that you are taking an interest in it. I have  
been thinking much of late of the  
importance of the Convention, and of the  
need of a more complete organization of the  
English people. I am sure that the  
Convention will be a great success, and  
that it will do much to advance the  
cause of the English people. I am  
very glad to hear that you are  
interested in it, and I am sure  
that you will do much to advance  
the cause of the English people.

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Austin Texas

May 11 1877

Miss Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Madam.

I ought to  
have written before, but  
I have just begun a  
series of meetings (with  
Miss Grant as William  
Evangelists, preachers &  
Singer & Lead) & I have  
kept busy.

About the question  
you ask, there has been  
no communication with the  
Secretaries to disturb  
your peace & happiness.  
I told the Secretaries  
in my letter, I believe,  
that we needed some  
new "Sheldon Jackson"  
or "Timothy, Hill"

Wm. for your welfare  
I fear of your family's  
Yours very truly  
Edw. B. Briggs

meaning that we needed  
some men like them if  
we could not get the Virginians  
Not trusting, Hill would  
not come under any cir-  
cumstances, even if he would  
but this latitude, &  
there are reasons why it  
would not be wise, on  
account of his very extreme  
position. (even now main-  
tained with pertinacity &  
with no trace of silence  
when silence would conquer)  
on the subject of Slavery  
the war.

Of course we do not  
want any body who has  
no opinion on these sub-  
jects, but some body who  
for the cause will not  
maintain a controversy



I think that Rev Geo Brown  
also note about needing  
some man like your  
husband - or it would  
it is better that our man  
should have been an  
O. S. Presbyterian at least

If your husband knew  
the address & location  
of St. Stephen Pres<sup>y</sup>. Ch.  
near Texas he would help  
the need of some one who  
could stir up the whole  
State for Presbyterianism  
- He would come in just  
time to form us into a  
Synod in a year or so.  
You head of Texas. Messrs.  
do not need not alarm you  
for they are not everywhere  
I am the best reaction force  
I should make peace for

Circumstances etc. when  
you are here, evidence better  
I adapt myself to -  
Your husband's trip here  
would not be so long. Now  
it is pressure as great as  
where you are - The country  
where the population is rising  
& most rapidly is from  
15000 to 17500 above the sea & very  
healthy. You could live at  
Denver, or Dallas, or <sup>San Antonio</sup>  
or Austin it is almost  
any other point (I say Austin)

- Your sickness here & your  
your gloomy views of Texas,  
but I know there are many  
things you must like intensely  
- much depends on Dr  
Jackson's coming.

May God give him  
wisdom to direct - Dr Taylor  
Johns and others. I do not  
know towards if they have  
been meeting - with many good

that if you really study  
yourself, you will find  
Edw. B. Briggs  
wishes for your welfare

Austin Texas

May 11/87

Mr Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Madam.

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that we needed some  
new "Sheldon Jackson"  
or "Trinity Hill"



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To

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Denver Colorado

Cook to Roseman McKie

to Salt Lake.

Longmont  
Longmont accepted  
by me

J. P. Egbert

J. Collett

HR





in the city with you. I have from  
my hand there. Although it is hard to live with  
these handicaps many do. I regret that I am unable  
to continue the program of this Circle 2 81  
about now. Please write to me as to the  
book. Don't be up for 100% it is mostly from  
all the spirit.

Very truly  
Yours  
J. M. Coyner

S. P. City May 14<sup>th</sup> 77  
Salt-Lake City Utah

Dr. Dickerson & Rudell

Dear Brethren

A few  
words in regard to our work  
in S. P. City. Our school is going  
in ~~progress~~ and ~~improvement~~. The winter-  
work is more encouraging  
than it has been. The great trouble  
has been to get our pupils to  
think for themselves. The mental  
bondage so prevalent in the Mormon  
Church ~~prevents~~ ~~such~~ ~~advances~~. But  
we can see the dawning of a better  
day, among our pupils, a day of  
self-reliance independent thought  
and ~~growing~~ man. That I love almost  
as my own son. Has lately made  
a profession of Christ. And has the  
Ministry in mind. He that we could  
have as a son of man. For this we  
labor and you this we pray.

As you know we are building a  
school house. Our basement was so  
unhealthy that we had either to give  
up the school or build our friends



outside of the Church. Mostly I shall have  
than give us the means to build a  
new house (plan enclosed). The Church  
furnished with lot. But I must leave  
in 1880. I am glad to leave it.  
I say, must go. I believe it's best  
work and the rich will be to do it.  
The outlook in this time is  
not good. I do not fear that  
I shall not permit it. But the  
ends will come. But what of the  
thousands of children. My heart  
feels sore for them. As they must  
care the father of their parents in  
But what of the future of our school  
we are a community 150 in our  
new home. And we will likely be  
full from the rest of it. I must have  
another teacher But I have no funds  
to pay. Sir. Myself and wife have lived  
this year on \$750. That we cannot do  
a month. If your Board can  
commence my three lady teachers at  
\$300 each - and by close economy I  
can manage the rest. But without  
this aid I do not see how I can  
manage. I am yours. J. A. H. H. H.  
to the end of the world.

# *A Special Appeal.*

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*To the Pastor and Sunday School Superintendent:*

DEAR BRETHREN: The sessions of the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute have been held thus far in the basement of the church, but the accommodations are so limited and the light and ventilation so poor that the Trustees must either abandon the enterprise or provide better accommodations for the school. But the work is too important to allow it to be abandoned; therefore they have secured a lot and subscription sufficient to justify them in letting a contract for the erection of a school house 32x63 feet, to be completed by Aug. 1st. After raising all we can in the Territory, we shall fall short \$1,500 of the amount necessary to complete and furnish the building.

We appeal to the Sunday Schools of the church to aid us in raising this amount. We ask each school to give to the Mission educational work in Salt Lake city the proceeds of one Sunday's collections, and thus pay for at least one school desk in the new school house. To enable the small as well as the large schools to aid in this work, we place the primary desks at \$2 50, intermediate \$5.00, academic \$7.50 and collegiate \$10.00.

We earnestly request that you bring this subject before your school at the earliest moment practicable. It is a small thing for each school, but a great one for our church work in Utah.

Every thing indicates that the future will develop events in connection with the affairs of Utah that will cause it to be the center of attraction.

Will it not, therefore, be a matter of interest to your school to know that they have aided our mission work?

Enclosed find a postal card with which you will please inform us whether you can thus aid us, and when we may expect the remittance. We wish, if possible, all remittances sent by July 1st, 1877.

REV. R. G. McNIECE, President of Board.

J. M. COYNER, Principal of School.

Being personally acquainted with the work in Salt Lake city, and knowing the pressing necessity for a school building, I do most earnestly recommend to the Sunday schools to respond to the above appeal.

REV. SHELDON JACKSON, Synodical Missionary.



# MISSION WORK IN UTAH.

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There is no mission field in the United States that is attracting more attention and that is more worthy of the aid and sympathy of the Christian church, than Utah Territory. The evangelization of the one hundred thousand people who occupy her valleys, is a question of practical importance, not only to every Christian, but to every true patriot.

The Presbyterian Church, true to the sacred trust committed to her care, has been among the foremost to unfurl the standard of a pure gospel in these mountain regions. By means of the missionary and the teacher, she is scattering the seeds of Divine truth that must in the near future bring forth a golden harvest.

Salt Lake City, being the capital and chief city of the Territory, must necessarily be the center of all evangelical effort. The Presbyterian Church was organized in this city by the late Rev. Josiah Welch in 1871. The Salt Lake Collegiate Institute was organized by the Presbyterian Church in 1875. This institution is under the management of a Board of Trustees, composed of prominent ministers and laymen of the church at large. The pastor of the Salt Lake church is President of the Board *ex officio*.

The course of study embraces the primary, intermediate, academic and collegiate departments.

Over two hundred pupils have been enrolled, with a daily attendance of about one hundred. Classes are organized in all the departments.

The work of the school is largely missionary, a large part of the students receiving tuition free. This is done by means of donations and scholarships received from individuals, Sunday schools and missionary societies. The institute is now very much in need of at least fifty additional scholarships to enable it to carry on the work undertaken. A scholarship is \$30.00 per year, paid at such times during the year as is most convenient for the donor. We invite the attention of Sunday schools and others to this opportunity for Christian benevolence. Utah has no free schools, but she has a large population of poor people who are unable to educate their children and who are thus dependent upon our mission schools.

The attention of the Ladies' Missionary Societies is called to the following action taken by the Utah Presbytery, at its last meeting in Ogden, Feb. 8th, 1877; and we hope that through their liberality the Board of Missions will be able to give the proposed help. They are also requested to regard the *Special Appeal* to the Sabbath schools as made also to them, and to be acted upon as God's Spirit may direct:

Realizing the importance of sustaining the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute in its important mission work among the Mormons, we earnestly recommend the Board of Home Missions to commission three lady teachers for that institution at a salary of \$300 per annum each.

The school which has no plan is  
the present building is 64 x  
34. and will accommodate 150 pupils  
It is so built that a two story front can  
be put on that will enable us to accommodate  
all 350 pupils. The present building  
is not finished in good style and furnished  
with good desks. \$3000. The addition will  
cost \$4500 dollars for \$7500 we will have  
secured for our school one of the finest  
school buildings in all the county.

We shall not attempt the front now  
but we think we shall need it by next  
year. Now brethren this school is the  
life of the church in Dakota to let it  
suffer. Come you - and pledge us the  
God and glory this year. This with the  
substantial that we can get and enable  
us to carry on the school and enable  
us to educate. It is important that I  
know as early as possible for I do not  
like to assume responsibility without having  
first heard the matter. We are anxiously  
looking for our pastor. The spirit is ready, for  
the work. Help to come from you as  
early as possible. I am, brethren,



*Salt Lake City, Utah, ..... 187*

DEAR FRIEND :

That you may fully comprehend the nature of our work, and the application of your beneficence we send you this circular. The Salt Lake Collegiate Institute is in every sense of the term a Church School. Its Board of Trustees is composed of prominent Ministers and Laymen of the Church, and its teachers are active Church workers.

The design of its organization is two-fold;

First—To lay the foundation for a system of solid religious education in this Territory. If we judge the future by the past there will be, ere the close of this century, a large Presbyterian population in these Rocky Mountain regions.

The Presbyterian Church, true to the sacred trust committed to her care, is among the foremost to unfurl the banner not only of a pure gospel but also of a liberal education. In the near future our Church must have a college in Salt Lake City, hence the necessity of occupying the field.

Second—To provide a School in which the poor may have an opportunity to obtain an education. While there are no free schools in Utah there is a large population, especially of those who have left the Mormon Church, who are unable, through extreme poverty, to educate their children; these appeal to us by every motive of humanity for help.

Our School work is largely missionary. Our patrons are composed of three classes: 1st.—Those who are able to pay full tuition, who are mostly Gentiles or non Mormons. This class is limited as the Gentile population is small.

2nd.—Those who are able to pay a part of the tuition.

3rd.—Those who cannot pay anything.

The 2nd and 3rd classes are only limited by our means to aid them.

As the School has no endowment, its charity fund is composed of scholarships and donations from abroad.

We select from the many applications for aid the most promising, and keep some ten or fifteen more in school than we have scholarships. As new scholarships come in we select from these, placing a pupil on each scholarship.

As the parents of all our charity pupils need the help of their larger children, it is often impossible for such pupils to remain in school longer than six months or a year, hence we are often compelled to change pupils on the same scholarship.

We assign pupils to each scholarship and send reports of progress at least semi-annually. If you do not receive such reports we hope you will inform us.

In all cases we endeavor to influence our charity pupils to attend Sunday School, Young People's Prayer Meeting and Church and it is a source of gratification that scarcely a communion season passes that some of the pupils do not make a good profession of religion.

In conclusion we feel that we can urge the claims of this mission work as one that should receive the sympathy of every Christian and patriot, for the social, religious and political questions now agitating this Territory are National in their importance. Therefore we hope you will not only continue your scholarship which expires..... but use your influence to increase our charity fund.

All scholarships received from January 1st to July we date from January 1st, all from July 1st to January from July 1st.

Will you not inform us whether you can continue your scholarship?

Remember that such aid is vital to the continuance of our work, for our School could not continue six months without aid from abroad.

Please acknowledge the receipt of our letter.

J. M. COYNER,

*In behalf of Boards of Trustees and Instruction.*

Idaho Springs, Col.  
25 May 1877.

Dear Brother:

We have now got through  
our fourth Sabbath work at Idaho  
and are enjoying very much - it is  
a very hard station. But I believe  
we are making progress. The  
audiences are very encouraging  
- particularly the young men -  
one third the church was filled  
with them last Sunday evening.

I do not know whether you  
are aware that the Methodists  
- is the largest element - of the  
church, pray community here.  
They have no church building.  
Used our ch. living room.

I am it would produce a  
great deal of ill feeling if



we should want them with  
- so compromised the matter  
by letting there was the chance  
in marriage. When the audience  
was very small - about one third  
of the evening audience.

In the morning we retained the good  
will and have them co-operate  
in choir. Sunday School

at prayer meetings. And avoid  
the open rupture - between - the  
church and the eye of the  
on-ch. going forward whom  
we desire to reach.

There is a debt on the ch.  
building of 220 dollars date of  
about two years ago. Amount  
- per cent per month.

The building has never been  
fixed. To put this in shape  
and save the ch. I should need  
about 100 dollars more -  
more to what we can

toward these objects the Comm.  
and try to get a membership  
gained so - if possible - to  
get the Ch. in shape for an  
important season.

With regard to your intended  
visit next Sunday - with a  
view to receiving members -  
I believe it is too soon.  
But will be glad to hear  
from you - or if you can  
run up to see you - for  
a while -

Hope you will approve  
as I am.

Let us have your prayers  
and the prayers of the Christians  
in town for our success.

Yours truly

John W. Allister

A.S.

Wish send me a copy of your many  
letters.

Fort Collins, <sup>Colo</sup> May 29.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

I know that you are now away at Gen. Assembly but I want you should be sure to hear from me, so I write you that you may receive it on your return without fail.

I was given to understand that the church would be completed here with little or no debt. So I called session together to make arrangements for dedication. Having completed this business, Mr. Armstrong, my peculiar trial, informed us there would be a debt of 1500. on church. This changed the face of affairs. I declared. I would not dedicate the church until it comes



be done free of debt. so that practically  
the arrangements hinge on this debt.  
I further made a proposition that  
if the trustees would meet their  
obligations to me on salary due in  
June, I would shoulder the debt.  
I. e. I would raise what I could  
mostly elsewhere, for but little <sup>more</sup>  
can be done here, ~~more~~, & what I could  
not would pay myself, for I could  
not stay here longer dallying along.  
Then it would be too much loss  
to the church if not dedicated  
now, but as a matter of principle  
& conscience with me I could <sup>not</sup>  
assist in dedication. Furthermore  
it seems to me that it can be  
done & all debt cleared just as  
well in four weeks as four months.  
Several are waiting to join, two  
on profession. Also we do not wish  
to occupy before dedication. So  
dedicate June 24<sup>th</sup> free of debt, ~~is~~,

it seems to me, at least, would be  
very favorable to the cause.

In our arrangements the session  
voted unanimously that Dr. Jackson  
be urgently requested to preach the  
dedication sermon, on June 24.

In hoping to meet the debt, of course  
I looked to you, notwithstanding I  
said last winter, that we would get  
along without calling upon you, as  
I hoped. I have been compelled  
to stand aside, as a figure head  
on Committee, & see it go on. &  
if it came out in debt I had no  
hand in curtailing expenses, but  
must accept it. I think if I had  
had my way it could have been  
kept within our funds, but some  
one must give in or there would have  
been an open outbreak.

I expect to visit Fairplay June 4<sup>th</sup> & shall  
start & be gone about two weeks. On  
my return I'll stop probably in Denver.



Remain  
your bo.  
in X.  
Mrs. L.  
joining me  
in kind  
regards to—  
my. J.  
D. C. Finks.

P.S. In reading  
over the above  
I see I have  
taken much for  
granted that you  
knew. Do not  
infer that there  
is any difficulty  
here other than with  
one man.  
Otherwise all is  
possible. &  
harmless.

I hope that you may <sup>then</sup> afford me some  
relief so that the dedication need not  
be postponed.

I think Dr. that you will have  
to come up at dedication or many  
will be dissatisfied & disappointed.

I could excuse you, if necessary,  
knowing your labors, better than the  
rest. So I hope you will come, but  
just at present you see the if in  
the way. Perhaps in a few days I  
can in some way by shouldering  
it myself, remove the if. So that it  
shall be a certainty. I have told  
you how it is. Can you suggest any  
way out? I commenced building, em-  
phasizing the point of no debt & now to  
change from it, I can not & think anything  
of my word, or my principles. Hoping the Lord  
will bring us out of it all right



I remain  
your bro.  
in X,  
Mrs. L.  
joining me  
in kind  
regards to  
Mrs. J.  
D. C. Finkes.

I hope that you may <sup>thoroughly</sup> ~~thoroughly~~ support me some  
relics so that the dedication need not  
be postponed.

I think Mr. that you will have  
to come up at dedication or many  
will be disappointed & disappointed.

I could excuse you if necessary,  
knowing your labors, better than the  
rest. So I hope you will come, but  
just at present you are the if in  
the way. Perhaps in a few days I  
can in some way by shouldering  
it myself, remove the if. As that it  
shall be a certainty. I have told

you how it is. Can you suggest any  
way out? I commenced building, im-  
proving the front of our hall & now to  
change from it, I can not & think anything  
of my work, or my principles. Hoping that it  
will bring us out of it all right

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